



THE PRESIDENT'S EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AIDS RELIEF

*Compassionate Action Provides Hope Through Treatment
Success*

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“There's nothing better than a hopeful society in dealing with the pandemic. A hopeful society means you think you can win. A non-hopeful society says, I surrender. America is not going to surrender to the pandemic.”

– President George W. Bush

For too long, AIDS sufferers in the developing world have had very limited access to the life-extending anti-retroviral treatment (ART) more widely available in the West. Only 50,000 of the 4.1 million sub-Saharan Africans who could benefit from anti-retroviral drugs were receiving them in 2002.

However, in 2003 -- under President Bush's leadership and with Congressional support and the generosity of the American people -- the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief was launched. The Plan represents the largest international health initiative in history by a government dedicated to a single disease.

The Emergency Plan is a five-year, \$15 billion, multifaceted approach to combating HIV/AIDS, including bilateral programs in more than 100 countries around the world and support for multilateral organizations such as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

America's urgent action and innovation are showing results:

- The President's Emergency Plan has supported anti-retroviral treatment for approximately 155,000 men, women, and children in its first eight months through bilateral programs in 15 of the most afflicted countries in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean – turning the despair of suffering and death to the hope of health and life. These numbers reflect efforts through September 2004; today, there are many more people benefiting from the President's Emergency Plan.
- The President's Emergency Plan is well ahead of schedule to meet its goal to support treatment for more than 200,000 people by June 2005 (one year after full implementation).
- Looking ahead, this early success puts the President's Emergency Plan well on track, scaling-up to meet the President's ambitious goal of supporting treatment for two million people in five years.
- We are particularly encouraged that 56 percent of persons newly receiving treatment were female, among the Emergency Plan-supported sites reporting such numbers. The Emergency Plan will continue to work to ensure that women and girls have full access to prevention, treatment and care.

- The Global Fund is an integral partner in the multilateral component of the President's Emergency Plan. Today the Global Fund announced that it has supported treatment for 130,000, including approximately 67,000 in addition to those supported by the bilateral programs of President Bush's Emergency Plan. The U.S. is by far the largest contributor to the Fund, currently providing one-third of resources available to the Fund. Therefore, one-third of each Global Fund grant, and one-third of the support for treatment from those grants, comes from the compassion and generosity of the American people.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR HOST NATIONS

The leadership and commitment to fighting AIDS in our host countries is strong and growing. U.S. government field staff work closely with partners and friends to implement each host nation's vision for fighting HIV/AIDS. The Emergency Plan is committed to working with national strategies to build capacity in-country: over 80% of 1,271 partners are indigenous organizations.

Success is possible due to the leadership and dedication of the governmental and non-governmental sectors in host nations. The country-by country results below were achieved by the work of talented and dedicated people in-country, including faith-based and other humanitarian organizations. The President's Emergency Plan is strongly dedicated to supporting their efforts.

Focus Country	Number of people receiving US-supported treatment in first 8 months
Botswana	32,839
Cote d'Ivoire	4,536
Ethiopia	9,500
Guyana	469
Haiti	2,829
Kenya	17,152
Mozambique	5,133
Namibia	4,000
Nigeria	13,579
Rwanda	4,386
South Africa	12,253
Tanzania	1,518
Uganda	33,000
Vietnam**	0
Zambia	13,636
Total	154,830
** Vietnam was designated a focus country on 6/23/04 and was not included in this reporting period.	

TREATMENT INVOLVES FAR MORE THAN DRUGS

President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief is committed to supporting national strategies and partnerships with faith-based and other non-governmental organizations to provide the full spectrum of services required for quality treatment, which includes:

- Trained clinical and laboratory personnel
- Counselors for treatment regimen adherence, prevention and healthy living
- Physical infrastructure including laboratory equipment
- Distribution, logistics and management systems for drugs and other commodities

AN INTEGRATED APPROACH

Despite tremendous progress, much remains to be done to expand treatment to those in need. Treatment brings hope that drives efforts in other areas such as prevention, counseling, testing, and care. President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief is committed to integrated prevention, treatment and care – no one piece can stand alone.

- We remain committed to prevention. Our goal is to save lives before they are ever infected with the virus. In 2004, 14,000 people were newly infected with HIV/AIDS around the world every day.
- We remain committed to encouraging all people to get counseling and be tested. Only by being tested and knowing your status is it possible to get help.
- We remain committed to care. There are some for whom treatment is not possible but care can help all those affected, especially orphans and vulnerable children.

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